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BEGIN SUMMARY: PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS OF NAC AND IN LIGHT OF COMMENTS MADE DURING COURSE OF MAY 29 NAC MEETING, SPC RESUMED PARAGRAPH BY PARAGRAPH REVIEW OF NATO DECLARATION DURING AFTERNOON OF MAY 30. SPC MEETING ADJOURNED AFTER COMPLETION DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH 7 FOLLOWED BY A PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION OF PARAGRAPH 8 AND EXPECTS TO RESUME AT 3:30 PM MAY 31. REVISED TEXT OF FIRST SEVEN PARAGRAPHS WILL BE TRANSMITTED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE ON MAY 31. RESULTS OF SPC REVIEW OF EACH PARAGRAPH IS SUMMARIZED BELOW. END SUMMARY.

1. PARAGRAPH 1

NETHERLANDS CONTINUED TO PRESS FOR DELETION OF WORDS "AND HAVE PRESERVED THE VALUES WHICH ARE THE HERITAGE OF THEIR CIVILIANIZATION" AND TO PLACE PARAGRAPH 12 AFTER PARAGRAPH 1. ISSUE WAS NOT DEBATED, PENDING RESOLUTION OF TEXTUAL PROBLEMS. GENERAL SENTIMENT IS FOR RETAINING PARAGRAPHS WHERE THEY ARE AND RETAINING IN PARAGRAPH 1 THE CLAUSE WHICH NETHERLANDS WISHES TO DELETE. DEPT WILL NOTE THAT WORDS "UNPRECEDENTED PROSPERITY" HAVE BEEN DROPPED.

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2. PARAGRAPH 2

US REP CIRCULATED ALTERNATIVE FORMULA FOR FIRST SENTENCE AUTHORIZED REFTEL C. CANADIAN DEL PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO US TEXT AS FOLLOWS: DELETE WORDS "AS THEY PURSUE POLICIES OF " AND

SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR" "THUS MAKING POSSIBLE THE PURSUIT OF
DETENTE". ALL DELEGATIONS THOUGHT THEIR AUTHORITIES COULD ACCEPT US
TEXT AS AMENDED BY CANADA. PURPOSE OF CANADIAN AMENDMENT WAS TO
LAY GREATER STRESS ON THE ROLE OF THE ALLIANCE AS A PRECONDITION
FOR DETENTE. US REP ARGUED FOR RETENTION OF WORD "SECURITY"
IN PENULTIMATE SENTENCE, USING POINTS CITED IN REFTEL C.
NO DELEGATION SUPPORTED RETENTION OF THE WORD AND THE CHAIRMAN
NOTED THAT GENERAL, COMPLETE AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT WAS A
CONDITION THAT WAS NOT LIKELY TO OBTAIN FOR A LONG TIME OT COME.

3. PARAGRAPH 3

UK REP, ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM LONDON, INTRODUCED NEW SENTENCE
TO DESCRIBE THE "COMMON AIM": "THE COMMON AIM IS TO PREVENT THE
OUTBREAK OF ANY CONFLICT, WHICH COULD ENDANGER THE INDEPENDENCE
OR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF ANY ALLY AND SO AFFECT THE
INTERESTS AND SECURITY OF ALL." AT SUGGESTION OF NORWAY,
BRITISH AGREED TO DROP WORD "TERRITORIAL" SO AS TO BROADEN THE
CONCEPT OF INTEGRITY. FRENCH, HOWEVER, CONTINUED TO DEFEND
USE OF WORDS "DOMINATION OF THE WORLD" AND BELGIAN, GERMAN,
ITALIAN, AND LUXEMBOURG DELEGATIONS SUPPORTED THIS FORMULA.
HOWEVER, UK PROPOSAL WAS SUPPORTED ON PERSONAL BASIS BY
SEVERAL OTHER DELEGATIONS WHO FELT THAT THE ORIGINAL FRENCH
LANGUAGE DID NOT PROVIDE SUFFICIENTLY FOR THE ALLIANCES
XMOVXMLE IN DETERRING LIMITED CONFLICT. IN EFFORT AT
COMPROMISE, US REP SUGGESTED THAT LATTER PART OF UK SENTENCE
MIGHT BE AMENDED TO READ "THE SECURITY AND EVEN SURVIVAL
OF ALL". THIS SUGGESTION WAS NOT ACCEPTED BY FRENCH DELEGATION.
TWO BRACKETED ALTERNATIVES THUS REMAIN, THE NEW UK PROPOSAL,
AND THE FRENCH "DOMINATION OF THE WORLD" PHRASING, BUT UK
FORMULA APPEARS TO HAVE SOME CHANCE OF AGREEMENT IN MODIFIED
FORM. UK MADE IT CLEAR THAT "DOMINATION OF THE WORLD"
LANGUAGE, UPON WHICH FRENCH CONTINUED TO INSIST, WOULD BE DIFFICULT
FOR LONDON TO ACCEPT AND US REP MADE SAME POINT AS REGARDS
VIEWS OF HIS AUTHORITIES.

4. PARAGRAPH 4

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SPC ACCEPTED WITHOUT DISCUSSION FOLLOWING FRENCH DELEGATION
COMPROMISE PROPOSAL FOR PARAGRAPH 4: "AT THE SAME TIME THEY
REALIZE THAT THE CIRCUMSTANCES AFFECTING THEIR COMMON DEFENCE
HAVE BEEN PROFOUNDLY CHANGED IN THE LAST 10 YEARS: THE STRATEGIC
RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION HAS
REACHED A POINT OF NEAR EQUILIBRIUM. CONSEQUENTLY, ALTHOUGH
ALL THE COUNTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE REMAIN VULNERABLE TO ATTACK, THE
NATURE AND GRAVITY OF THE DANGER TO WHICH THEY ARE EXPOSED
HAVE CHANGED. ACCORDINGLY, THE ALLIANCES PROBLEMS IN THE DEFENCE
OF EUROPE HAVE ASSUMED A DIFFERENT AND MORE DISTINCT CHARACTER."

5. PARAGRAPH 5

ALL DELEGATIONS RALLIED TO SUPPORT OF CANADIAN PROPOSAL FOR
REVISION OF SECOND SENTENCE. FRENCH DELEGATION ASKED THAT THE

"NO PRESENT ALTERNATIVE" FORMULA BE RETAINED IN THE TEXT TEMPORARILY BUT HE HOPED FOR APPROVAL FROM PARIS FOR THE CANADIAN TEXT. CANADIAN SENTENCE WAS SLIGHTLY AMENDED AT DANISH SUGGESTION TO READ "WHILE.... AGGRESSION, THE CONTRIBUTION TO THE SECURITY OF THE ENTIRE ALLIANCE PROVIDED BY THE NUCLEAR FORCES OF THE UNITED STATES BASED IN THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE AND THE PRESENCE OF NORTH AMERICAN FORCES IN EUROPE REMAIN INDISPENSABLE." US REP STATED THAT US COULD ACCEPT DELETION OF WORDS " THE UNITED STATES AND OTHER INDIVIDUAL" IN LAST SENTENCE OF PARA 5, BUT WISHED TO MAINTAIN THE TWO LAST BRACKETED SENTENCES IN PARA 5, RATHER THAN MOVING THEM TO THE CONSULTATIONS PARAGRAPH. FRENCH DELEGATION EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THIS CHANGE, AND OPPOSED MOVING THEM TO PARA 11. UK DEL ALSO OPPOSED CHANGE IN LOCATION OF THE TWO SENTENCES, WHICH WOULD MAKE NEGOTIATION OF THE CONSULTATIONS PARAGRAPH EVEN MORE COMPLICATED. NETHERLANDS REP CONTINUED TO ASK THAT PENULTIMATE SENTENCE BE MOVED TO PARA 11 AND HE URGED THAT THE LAST SENTENCE BE DELETED ALTOGETHER. HE RECEIVED NO SUPPORT FOR THIS IDEA EXCEPT FOR A RATHER LUKEWARM ENDORSEMENT FROM NORWAY. GERMANY AND ITALY GAVE SOME SUPPORT TO NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL TO MOVE THE PENULTIMATE SENTENCE TO PARA 11, BUT ALSO EXPRESSED BELIEF THEY COULD ULTIMATELY JOIN THE MAJORITY.

6. PARAGRAPH 6

NETHERLANDS REP SAID THAT HE WOULD DISCUSS THE NUCLEAR DETERRENT PROBLEM WITH THE FRENCH DELEGATION TO SEE WHETHER A SOLUTION COULD BE FOUND. CANADIAN REP SUGGESTED THAT A
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POSSIBILITY MIGHT BE TO DELETE THE WORD "DETERRENT "SO THAT THE PHRASE WOULD READ "CAPABLE OF PLAYING A ROLE OF THEIR OWN".

7. PARAGRAPH 7

AS NOTED IN REPORT ON MAY 29 NAC MEETING, THIS PARAGRAPH WAS AGREED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS.

8. PARAGRAPH 8

SPC HAD ONLY BRIEF DISCUSSION OF THIS PARAGRAPH BEFORE ADJOURNING. UK REP MADE TENTATIVE EFFORT IN MEETING TO MARRY A UK PROPOSAL WITH THE FRENCH " RISK OF WAR" SENTENCE. HE PURSUED THIS EFFORT BILATERALLY WITH THE FRENCH FOLLOWING THE SPC MEETING AND TOLD US LATER THAT HE HAD TENTATIVELY WORKED OUT WITH FRENCH DEL THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPH: " IN THIS CONNECTION, THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ATLANTIC ALLIANCE AFFIRM THAT AS THE REAL PURPOSE OF ANY DEFENCE POLICY IS TO CONVINCE A POTENTIAL ADVERSARY THAT THE OBJECTIVES HE SEEKS CANNOT BE OBTAINED BY STARTING A CONFLICT, ALL THEIR FORCES WOULD, IF NECESSARY, BE USED IN ANY CONFLICT WHICH DID START. THEREFORE, WHILE REAFFIRMING THAT A MAJOR AIM OF THEIR POLICIES IS TO SEEK AGREEMENTS THAT WILL REDUCE THE RISK OF WAR, NO SUCH AGREEMENTS SHOULD LIMIT THEIR FREEDOM TO DEFEND THEMSELVES WITH ALL WEAPONS AT THEIR DISPOSAL, SINCE THEIR

DETERMINATION TO DO SO CONTINUES TO BE THE BEST ASSURANCE THAT
WAR IN ALL ITS FORMS WILL BE PREVENTED." UK REP SAID THAT
FRENCH DELEGATION STATED IT WOULD REPORT THIS TEXT TO PARIS
AS A POSSIBLE COMPROMISE. IN THE SPC MEETING, US REP HAD
QUESTIONED WHETHER SOME INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENTS DID NOT ALREADY
PLACE SOME LIMITS ON USE OF CERTAIN TYPES OF WEAPONS.
UK REP SUGGESTED TO US PRIVATELY THAT INSERTING A WORD SUCH AS
"LEGITIMAT" BEFORE THE WORD "WEAPONS" MIGHT PROVIDE THE NECESSARY
QUALIFICATION. ALSO IN SPC MEETING, NETHERLANDS HAD CRITICIZED
THE PARAGRAPH FOR IMPLYING THAT ALL WEAPONS WOULD BE USED AT
THE OUTSET OF ANY CONFLICT. RESPONDING TO THIS, CANADA
SUGGESTED USING THE PHRASE "ALL NECESSARY FORCES WOULD BE
USED". THERE WAS NO DISCUSSION OF THIS PROPOSAL EXCEPT
FOR A FAVORABLE RESPONSE FROM THE NETHERLANDS REP. RUMSFELD

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